

LATE TELEGRAMS.

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(Times of India.)

INDIAN TEA CRYSTALS.
The Indian tea crystals for the year 1895, are estimated at 144,000 tons, being 8,800,000 lbs. over the estimate for the year 1894. About 126,250 tons will be available for export to Great Britain, as compared with 127,000 tons in the previous year. The surplus was completed, several months ago, by the sale of the surplus stock, which has been exceeding large, owing to the overproduction of tea in Assam, Darjeeling, Terai, and Dooars, which has had an appreciable effect on the estimate for the crop of 1896. It is now considered a full one.

FRANCE AND THE WEST RIVER NIGER.
On April 1—M. Bourgeois, French minister of commerce, has announced that because of the loan, because the only securities offered were the Customs returns, which he has received, and that the West River will advance until the French have been able to send railway into the interior. He has said that the railway into the interior has been delayed, because of the delay in selection of English officers for agreement between France and Niger.

THE RACKHORSE 'PARIS'
London, April 2.—The Australian bark-rackhorse Paris has won the Great North Sea Race from the Redoubt.

A BRITISH VESSEL BY CAPTURED
London, April 2.—The Kuff pirate ship captured a British vessel and sold it for £6000, with six passengers were released.

A COSTLY ELECTION PETITION
London, April 2.—Mr Bean's petition against Mr. Morke has, after a hearing of three days, been dismissed. A charge of corruption against Mr. Morke was found to be unfounded. The cost of the petition was £20,000.

AN ANCIENT COPY OF THE GOSPEL
London, April 2.—The Czar has received a copy of the Gospel of the first century copy of the Gospel which had been found in Asia Minor.

THE GERMAN STEAMER "BAR
Calcutta, April 10.—The Germ
warada went ashore off the Arrage
about fifty miles north of Madras
on the 7th inst. All attempts
have hitherto failed. The steamer
injured, and no part of her cargo
is salvaged. The agents in Calcutta
Messrs Koebel and Co., have sent
a retriever to her assistance.

WANDLING PREPARATIONS IN
London, April 1, evening.—The
recent ironclads have been ordered
ready for instant service at Toulon.

THE NESTERDREHAN MURDER
Calcutta, April 18.—Trooper
case, of the 21st Hussars, has been
guilty of culpable homicide in
with the death of Mrs. Ogden at

bad, and has been sentenced to rigorous imprisonment. Privately, Walker, his companion, has been ANOTHER RACE FROM BOB. The P. & O. steamer, *Austral*, Messageries Maritimes steamer, *Simone* leave Bombay to-day. They are expected to arrive at Marseilles on Calcutta, April 16.—The incubation of the epidemic of cholera now suffering from an epidemic. Several have occurred since the catastrophe, and there were four breaks yesterday. One at the C. of Calcutta destroyed three-quarters of a mile of bazaar, consisting of three hundred huts, and there are said people homeless. The extent of the epidemic is such that the people the materials with which

A PRESENTATION CEREMONY
Calcutta, April 14.—The presenting Captain Boethorn was distinguished Service Order for service in defence of Mastuj Fort was Sir George Robertson at Gilgit morning, in the presence of Service troops.

NATIONALISING MADAGASCAR
Antananarivo, March 12.— have been given by the French for the nullification of the missions accorded last month. A are now only given to Frenchmen of English miners, who

come out, have therefore left to
THE GOA REVOLT RECURS
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Calcutta, April 15.—The
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the leading rebels, offer to
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threaten to loot that town.

THE SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG
CONTRIBUTIONS.

London, April 17.—In th
Commons Mr Chamberlain
1896 would be paid by th
Contribution would be 675,000 do
Hongkong 883,000 dollars.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH

London, April 15.—News received that the natives in parts of the Transvaal are going on a rising is apprehended in an article to-day urges of increasing the British garrisons in Africa in order to keep their borders, and thereby to make aggression hopeless.

April 17.—The Times in a comments on the telegram from Johannesburg correspondent states that the Transvaal is arming to the teeth. It has been definitely resolved to increase the British garrisons in South Africa.

April 18.—The 1st Battalion of the Buffs, a famous Buffs Grenadier Regiment is expected to arrive at the Cape in eight days.

In the House of Commons

Chamberlain said that one K. body of Mounted Infantry was patched to South Africa as possible date in order to assist to Matabeleland. This with the decision of it to made a permanent increase of Cape Colony. The ridges, he said, were of the present garrison at the Cape for the purpose of defending yards and coaling stations from attack. Mr Chamberlain Her Majesty's Government that except on occasions of emergency, the employment suppressing a native rising, the supply of men to South Africa, he said, was

transport was the difficulty
had to contend with at the
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THE HON. M. GIFFORD N
London, April 18.—The
Gifford has been made a C
Order of St. Michael, and
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THE EGYPTIAN DES
London, April 16.—Inte
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HONGKONG, 22^d JAN., 1896.

London—

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	Previous On date at (day & ym.)	10 a.m.
Barometer ...	29.89	30.08
Temperature ...	78	69
Humidity ...	74	87
Direction of ...		
Wind ...	ESE	E
Force ...	2	5
Weather ...	o	o
Rain ...	—	.12
Highest open air temperature on the 26th ...	84	85
Lowest open air temperature on the 26th ...	68	68

~~Dr. [illegible] [illegible]~~

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